

Remarks

The undersigned apologizes for the clerical errors in the previous response.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present U.S. Patent application as amended herein.

§112

Regarding Action ¶¶9, claims 2-5 have been amended to recite "the method."

Regarding Action ¶¶10, claim 6 has been cancelled and corresponding but clarified language has been added to claim 1. Since claim 6 was deemed allowable, it is believed claim series 1 is allowable.

Regarding Action ¶¶11, the NAT operates as an intermediary and this role is believed to have been clarified in the current amendment.

Regarding Action ¶¶12, the claim 8 language has been corrected and clarified.

Regarding ¶¶13-16 these errors have been corrected in the combination of limitations from claims 9 and 10 into 8. In particular, the unnecessary reference to the "third machine" has been deleted. Since claim 10 was deemed allowable, it is believed claim series 8 is now allowable.

Regarding Action ¶¶17 for claim 23, it is believed the amendment to base claim 21 renders this issue moot.

§102

Claims 1-3 and 21-24 remain rejected under §102 as being anticipated by Goldberg (WO 02/03217). It is believed these rejections are moot in light of the amendments to claim 1 to introduce a limitation that "the second machine" is "at least

temporarily an endpoint to the communication session" which is analogous to the language deemed allowable by the Office in claim 6.

Claim 21 was amended to claim 21 recite:

modifying a protocol for the communication session requiring the first endpoint to complete setting up the communication session and await receiving content from the second endpoint, said modifying including the first end point being configured to prime the network translation device by sending at least one network packet to the second endpoint at the routable address on the content port, before said completing setting up the communication session with the second endpoint; and

after said priming the network translation device, receiving content for the communication session on the content port.

It is believed this statement of modification to the communication session protocol clarifies inventive intent and distinguishes over Goldberg which is not believed to anticipate exactly the recited modifying a protocol ordinarily requiring the first end point to prime a network translation device prior to awaiting data as would be typically performed by the first endpoint.

§103

Regarding the **§103** rejections of claims 5, 8, and 9 over Goldberg further in view of Fallentine (US 2002/0042832), since claim 10 was deemed allowable, limitations corresponding to claim 10 and the limitations of claim 9 were incorporated into base claim 8. Claim 8's language has also been cleaned up as discussed above. Hence it is believed these rejections are moot over the present amendments.

Regarding the rejection of other dependent claims not addressed above, these are deemed allowable for at least the reason as depending from allowable base claims, hence the technical merits of their claim rejections is not being addressed at this time.

Regarding new claims 31-42 they are computer-readable medium claims corresponding directly to the claims currently active. It is believed these claims are allowable for at least the same reason as discussed above.

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the rejections have been overcome. Therefore, claims **1-5, 7, 8, 10, and 31-42** are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present application. Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account number 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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